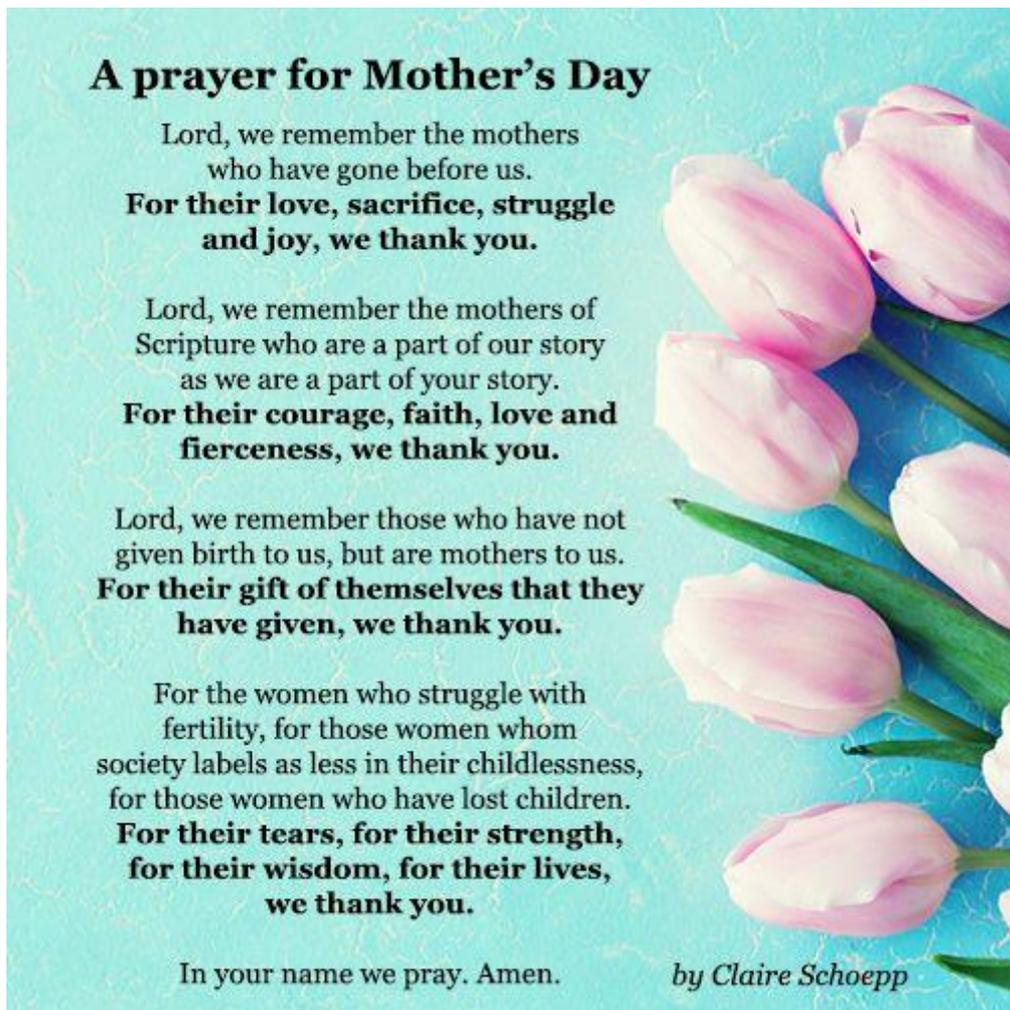




The Team Parish of Christ the King ST AIDAN, BRUNTON PARK

Sunday 22nd March 2020
Mothering Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent

This week we would have been celebrating Mothering Sunday in our service. Here is a poem for Mother's Day by Claire Schoepp



READINGS FOR TODAY

Samuel 1.20-28

²⁰ So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel,^[a] saying, 'Because I asked the LORD for him.'

²¹ When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfil his vow, ²² Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, 'After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always.'^[b]

²³ 'Do what seems best to you,' her husband Elkanah told her. 'Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his^[c] word.' So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

²⁴ After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull,^[d] an ephah^[e] of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. ²⁵ When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶ and she said to him, 'Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸ So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he shall be given over to the LORD.' And he worshipped the LORD there.

Colossians 3.12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2.33-35

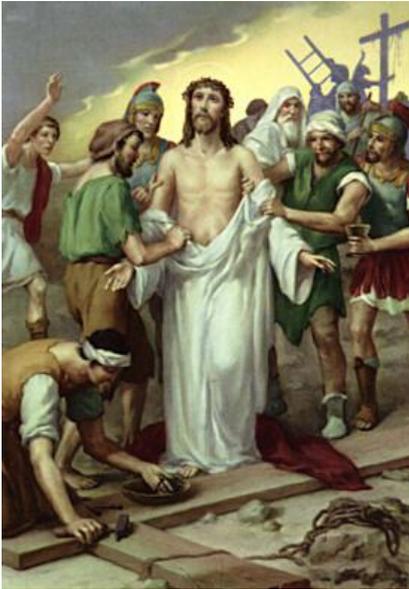
³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

PRAYER

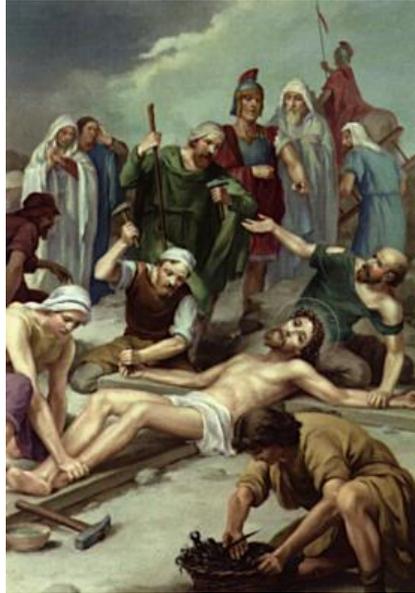
Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19
in this country and across the world.
We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss
of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.
Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected
and love to those to whom no love was shown.

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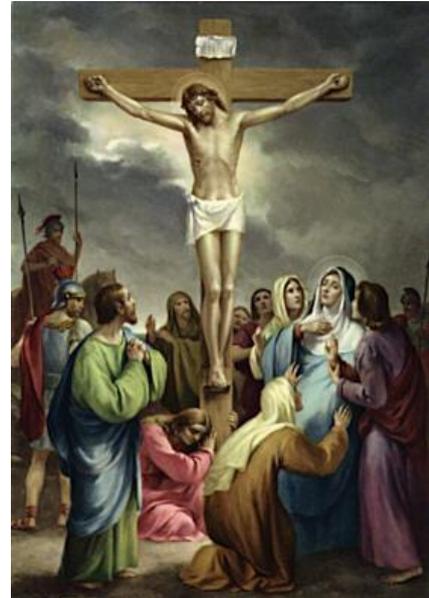
Stations 10
Jesus is stripped of his
Clothes



Station 11
Jesus is nailed to the
cross



Station 12
Jesus dies on the cross



NOTICES

At this moment in time all services have been cancelled along with bookings in the community room and the other social events we had planned.

Church is open every day for prayer during the hours of 10am and 4pm.

A scaled down newsletter will be produced every week until services resume, a small number will be printed off for those coming into church.

If you know of anyone who would does not use social media but would like a copy emailed to them please let me know.

If you have any news you would like to share please contact me by email and I will add it to next week's newsletter.

The hours of the administrator remain unchanged; Thursday and Friday mornings in the office (for now at least) and you can always contact me via email.

Please look on our website and Facebook page which are being kept up to date

In the coming weeks and months more people will be relying upon food banks meaning that donations are all the more important and appreciated. Our donation box for the **WEST END FOOD BANK** remains at the back of church. If you are able to add supplies or offer help with taking this to the food bank could you please let us know.

For Our Prayers...

We give thanks for our church family here at St Aidan's and pray for our Team Parish - for God's upholding in all that lies ahead.

We pray for God's world – in times of upheaval and conflict we pray for peace- for resolutions to tensions between nations and peoples, for all caught up in tragedy, disaster and despair.

In our St Aidan's cycle of prayer we pray for all who are involved in work with children and young people. Within the wider community we pray for the West End Food Bank.

We pray for those who are unwell, at home or in hospital.

We pray for those who have died in recent days.

We remember with thanksgiving and joy our loved ones who are now with Our Father in the heavenly kingdom – John Malkin, Michael Croft, Derek Chinnery, Arnold Roylance, Joyce Corscadden, Eileen Liebetanz, John Tait, Judith Howard, George Robinson, Edward Chaneller

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